(b) the details of loans disbursed by NMDFC during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Disbursement (Rs. in crores)
2005-06	Rs. 108.11
2006-07	Rs. 112.75
2007-08	Rs. 144.12

(c) The rates of interest under the three major credit schemes being implemented by NMDFC are given below;

Term loans	6% per annum
Educational loans	3% per annum
Micro-finance	Rs. 5% per annum.

(d) The total number of beneficiaries during the last three years is 1,29,817. Since disbursements to beneficiaries and recoveries are done by the implementing agencies *viz.*, the state channelising agencies or the non-governmental organizations, the details of individual borrowers are maintained by them.

15 points programme on Sachar Committee Report

2878. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has set up an expert panel consisting of Union Ministries and States for effective implementation of its aggressive minority welfare agenda, as identified by the 15 point programme on Sachar Committee Report;

(b) if so, the steps the panel has taken so far;

(c) whether this panel would evolve the extent of development benefits accruing to socio-religious communities from welfare programme;

(d) if so, whether this panel has already received the report about implementation by the Central Committee and the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise. However, the Government has announced in June, 2006, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities. It envisages regular monitoring at the Central level, once in six months, by a Committee of Secretaries and then by the Cabinet. A close monitoring mechanism has also been established in a majority of the States/UTs.

Vocational and computer training for minority women

2879. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under active consideration of Government for formulating a scheme for vocational and computer training for women belonging to minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any such scheme has been sanctioned for Azamgarh district in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has been implementing a scheme of vocational training for persons belonging to minority communities, living below double the poverty line, through State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) in respective States/ UTs. NMDFC provides grants covering 85% of the training cost and also a stipend of Rs. 500 per month to the candidates.

The Maulana Azad Education Foundation is running a Vocational Training Centre for women in the old campus of Dr. Zakir Hussain College, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi where free training is provided for cutting, tailoring, textile designing, beauty culture and computers to girls, mainly belonging to the educationally backward minorities.

(c) and (d) Uttar Pradesh Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, which is the SCA of NMDFC in Uttar Pradesh has organized a 'Computer Training' of one year duration through M/s Natural Resources Care Society, Sindhari, Azamgarh for 15 candidates during 2006-07, out of which there were four women candidates.

The SCA has also organized a vocational training programme on 'Sewing & Embroidery' for 20 women candidates belonging to minorities during 2006-07. The course duration was for 6 months. The training was conducted through M/s Mansab Khan Educational Society, Sadullahpur, Azamgarh.

Policy on new and renewable energy sources

2880. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy on new and renewable energy with specific focus on solar energy; and

(b) the success rate in its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Ministry is promoting deployment of various new and renewable energy systems/devices in the country through several measures, such as, provision of fiscal and financial incentives that include capital/interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation, concessional duties and relief from income tax on profits made from the sale of renewable power. Preferential tariffs for grid interactive power from renewables are also available. Recently, a new demonstration scheme has been announced by the Ministry to provide generation based incentive for MW-capacity grid interactive solar power project. In addition, publicity and awareness on renewable energy systems/devices is being created through print, postal and electronic media besides organization of special events like Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas. District level Advisory Committees have also been constituted in States to facilitate promotion and effective coordination of renewable energy schemes/programmes.

(b) The implementation of various programmes of the Ministry has resulted in the installation of over 11000 MW grid interactive renewable power and 208 MW equivalent off-grid distributed renewable power by the end of year 2007. In addition, a large capacity of decentralized energy systems have been installed. This includes 39.4 lakh family type biogas plants, 71000 SPV street lighting systems, 4.03 lakhs SPV home lighting systems,